

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. A booster wheel for use in a toy vehicle booster, said booster wheel comprising:

5                   a flexible thin-walled member forming a concave generally cylindrical wheel  
having a side wall portion, a top wall portion and a curved portion therebetween;

plate means secured to said top wall portion for coupling to a rotation source; and

10                   a plurality of flexibility altering apertures formed in said flexible thin-walled  
member,

said flexibility altering apertures being sized and positioned to provide a desired  
resilience and flexibility characteristic for said booster wheel.

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2. The booster wheel set forth in claim 1 wherein said flexible thin-walled member  
defines an edge formed on said skirt portion.

3. The booster wheel set forth in claim 2 wherein said flexibility altering apertures  
20 are formed in said top wall portion.

4. The booster wheel set forth in claim 2 wherein said flexibility altering apertures are formed in said curved portion.

5. The booster wheel set forth in claim 2 wherein said flexible thin-walled member is formed of rubber.

6. The booster wheel set forth in claim 2 wherein said flexible thin-walled member is formed of plastic.